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AMUSEMENTS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

BROADWAY THEATRE, Broadway, near Broome
Street.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.NEW YORK THEATRE, Broadway, opposite New
York Hotel.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.THEATRE FRANCAIS, Fourteenth street, near Sixth
avenue.—LA FEMME DE BONDI.

OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.

WOODS' THEATRE, Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas
Hotel.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.DODWORTH HALL, 806 Broadway.—PROFESSOR HART
WILLIAMS.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS, 806 Broadway, opposite
the Metropolitan Hotel.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.KELLY & LEON'S MINSTRELS, 720 Broadway, opposite
the New York Hotel.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.FIFTH AVENUE OPERA HOUSE, Nos. 2 and 4 West
Twenty-fourth street.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.TONTI PASTOR'S OPERA HOUSE, 201 Bowery.—COMO
VOCALIST.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.CHARLEY WHITE'S COMBINATION TROUPE, at
Deane's Hall, 472 Broadway.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.

HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.

THE RIVINGTON THEATRE, Union Hall, corner of
Twenty-third street and Broadway.—THE LANTERN.—LORDS OF THE LANTERN.NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 618 Broadway.—
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ing the powers and duties of the Central Park Com-

missioners, the latter amended so that no railroad can

be laid in Fifth Avenue, nor can that avenue be extended

without the consent of a majority of the owners in

interest, were advanced to a third reading. The Senate

then adjourned.

In the Assembly the bill relative to a quarantine in the

port of New York and to facilitate the Albany and New

York Railroad, on the west side of the Hudson, were

advanced to a third reading. In the evening session the

annual supply bill was presented and ordered to be

printed. Bills to create a Metropolitan Harbor district

and provide for a Board of Wharves and Piers, and rela-

tive to certain streets in Brooklyn, were reported. The

Assembly refused to go into Committee of the Whole on

the Broadway Railroad bill. Bills relative to the

formation of gas companies, to amend the General Rail-

road law, and for other purposes, were advanced to a

third reading.

THE CITY.

The Legislative committee charged with the investiga-

tion of the affairs of the Pacific Mail Steamship Com-

pany held a meeting and heard testimony on the sub-

ject yesterday. The president and one or two directors

of the company and several others, stockholders, testi-

fied, among them Mr. Leonard W. Jerome, who stated

that he had lost \$800,000 in different stocks last Febru-

ary. The president stated that the company was worth

\$37,000,000.

The Commissioners of Quarantine have applied to the

Secretary of the Navy for the use of the steamship Em-

pire City. The Illinois is stationed in the bay, and the

Falcon, now lying at Red Hook, will soon be sent down.

A grand testimony meeting, under the auspices of the

Plymouth Brethren Society, was held last evening in

Plymouth church, Brooklyn. Messrs. Horace Greeley

and Edward Carwell made speeches, and the pledge was

circulated among the audience, many of whom signed it.

A boy named Thompson was struck on the head with

a book by one Patrick Cavanaugh, in Brooklyn, on

Monday, the 18th, and died on Friday last. It is alleged,

from the effects of the blow. Cavanaugh has been ar-

rested.

A man named William Martin was arrested yesterday

on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences.

For nearly nine years he has been soliciting subscrip-

tions for a book and has received some \$10,000, all of which he

has squandered in lottery policies. He was discovered finally by Mr. Lewis,

of Leonard street.

In the case of Mrs. Noble, who died recently from the

effects of an alleged attempt at abortion, the Registrar of

Vital Statistics, after receiving the proper medical cer-

tificates, yesterday granted a burial permit.

The argument in the Supreme Court on the motion to

dissolve the injunction in the suit of Christopher Pull-

man vs. the Mayor, &c., has been further postponed

until Friday, the 29th inst. This injunction is an ob-

stacle in the way of the consummation of the lease of

Fernando Wood's premises, Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau

street.

In the Supreme Court, Circuit, in the case of Jonathan

Christie against George B. Haskell, an action to recover

\$3,000, for which the plaintiff sold goods to defendant,

taking his note, for which the defendant had furnished

an alleged worthless endorsement, the jury yesterday

were unable to render a verdict. The case has occupied

this court for four days.

An action was brought in the Superior Court, Part 1,

by Rufus K. McHarg against the Washington Medalion

Pen Company, on two promissory notes amounting to

\$4,000. The money had been advanced to the secretary

of the company in his own name and in that of the cor-

poration, but without its authority, for the purpose of

carrying out the manufacture of gas signs during the

war. Verdict for the defendant.

In the Superior Court, Part 2, yesterday an action was

brought by the New York Fire Insurance Company against

the Hoffman Fire Insurance Company to recover \$2,411,

being one-half of a risk transferred by the plaintiffs to

defendants. The policy was issued on a quantity of oil

warehoused in Philadelphia and destroyed by fire in

1866. The Court directed the jury to find for the plain-

tiffs the full amount claimed.

A motion was made in the Supreme Court, Chambers,

yesterday to set aside an order of arrest in the case of

Tucker et al. against Meyer. The affidavits upon which

The Great Drama of Reconstruction in the

South and its Master Spirit.

There appears to be a considerable muddle among

the leading politicians at Washington touching the

policy and the prospects of this party, that party and the other party in the

settlement of this important business of Southern

reconstruction. From the movements of General Wade

Hampton, of South Carolina; ex-Governor Brown, of Georgia; General Long-

street and other prominent rebel civil and military

leaders in behalf of a frank and prompt acceptance and

fulfillment of the terms of restoration laid down by Congress it is believed

that the ten excluded States will have to be reinstated in

the two houses during the next winter, and that accordingly their electoral

votes will have to be counted in all calculations of the

probabilities and possibilities of the Presidential election of 1868. The

introduction of twenty members into the Senate and

fifty, sixty or seventy members into the House, from the

ten reconstructed States may not only neutralize the

present two-thirds vote which can be now commanded in

both houses by the radicals, but it may turn the balance of

power in each house against them. Hence the anxiety

and misgivings among the managing republican

politicians at Washington as to the coming results of this

Congressional scheme of Southern restoration.

But from the conditions imposed and the machinery

provided in this scheme it may reasonably be expected

that unless the ruling white class of the South proceed at once to

a close treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, with

their black laboring class, Mr. Stanton, the Secretary of

War, will reconstruct these ten outside States and bring

them into the Northern radical party. He is the master of

the situation. Congress, in securing him by law in the

Cabinet, has rendered him independent of the President's

wishes or objections, and, as he has in this capacity the

general superintendence over this work of reconstruction,

Mr. Stanton, for all practical purposes, overshadows the

President himself. We know, too, that he is not a man to be

trifled with and does not stop at trifles to gain his

ends. He is a remarkable man. He combines in himself

in no small degree the peculiar qualities of Carnot, Robespierre,

Danton and Talleyrand. He can manage efficiently the

supplies of an army of a million of men, a revolutionary

party, a hostile cabal, a nest of conspirators or a political

intrigue. From the day after his appointment to the War

Office he was the ruling genius of Mr. Lincoln's administration.

The first convincing exhibition of his force of character

and power was in the removal of the popular General Mc-

Clellan, and we have seen in a later case that even Gen-

eral Sherman, with his great military achievements, could

not withstand the withering wrath of Stanton in the

matter of a political blunder. McClellan has sought

a refuge from his disappointments among the healing

waters of Germany, and Sherman, it is said, like many

other heroes in distress, contemplates a pilgrimage to the

Holy Sepulchre; but Stanton still holds his position and

is firmly entrenched between the two houses of Congress.

We may venture, then, to say, that under the watchful

eye of Stanton the commanders of these five Southern

military districts, and General Grant himself, and even

President Johnson, will have each to look well to their

feet if they do not wish to be tripped up before

Congress in reference to this delicate business of Southern

reconstruction. In his knowledge of political policy

laying and wire pulling and the chop logic of the law

General Sikes is perhaps the only one of these five

commanders who can hold a light to Stanton; but Sikes

knows his man, and will not needlessly tread upon

his toes. As for Generals Thomas, Sheridan, Ord and

Schofield, not schooled in party tactics or the nice

distinctions of the law, they will, we doubt not, still

prove wise enough to stick to the text of their

instructions and keep on the sunny side of Stanton.

And so, we repeat, unless the Southern landholding

whites concerned make it an object to the laboring

blacks for the present and the future to join them in

the common interests of a new and independent